

**Salem, Indiana Items.**

I had made an appointment at the Salem church in Carroll Co. for the evening of the 4th, but owing to the baptizing at College Corner that morning, I did not get the first train at Peru, and was therefore just a few minutes too late for the service. The people had just dispersed, but we met a number as they were returning, and as they seemed very eager to have us to preach another time before going west, we appointed a meeting for next evening, and by putting out the word next day we had a good congregation to talk to. Here an almost irresistible effort was made by both brethren and others to have the meeting continued a week or so. Accordingly we prevailed on Bro. B. L. Gordon, who is always ready to do his part to promote every good work, to go to Iowa to fill my appointments the second Sunday, and I continued a week, closing with a grand communion. The immediate result of this meeting was five accessions by baptism, one restored, and one by relation.

The communion was largely attended and the best order prevailed. After we had closed the communion service according to Christ's example, a little Paul-like, an election was held for two deacons. (The difference being that Paul preached after he had broken bread, ready to depart, and we held an election, ready to depart on the morrow). The congregation remained and kept quiet while the brethren cast their votes, and in a short time the result was brought out; three brethren ran so nearly together that the church decided to install them all. The lot fell on our esteemed brethren, Samuel Eikenberry, Abraham Gordon and Willis Polk. The Salem congregation has passed through some dark scenes since its organization four years ago. 1st. Soon after they had resolved to take the Bible alone as their rule of faith and practice, some Judaizing teachers came in and taught them that if they did not keep the traditions of the elders they could not be saved. 2d. They were crowded to the wall for a place to worship, other denominations being fearful of their prosperity. 3d. Through some misunderstandings regarding the location of the ground to erect a house of worship on, the church was emerged in trouble for awhile. The house is, however, now built, and all seem satisfied. 4th. That disgraceful Mallott scrape occurred within this congregation. Taking all together, it would be enough to discourage most anybody, but all seems satisfactory now, and the brethren have a good, comfortable house of their own to worship God in, with bright prospects for the future.

Bro. Addison Michael, who is teaching near Boylstown, came over on Saturday evening, the 8th, and preached a very acceptable sermon for us the following day. This was Bro. Addison's third effort and he did splendidly. Bro. Michael has a bright future before him.

J. H. SWIHART.

**Enroute for Home.**

After an absence of three weeks we are enroute for home from Montevallo, Mo. Having to lay over at this place, we will write out our report. We com-

menced meetings at Walnut Grove on Thursday evening, Sept. 29th. Continued till the evening of Oct. 15th, except four evenings when we preached at Virgil City, and two evenings it rained. During our meetings twelve persons confessed their faith in Christ. Eight were baptized, three more are applicants for baptism. Two were received by relation from the German Baptist church; they were baptized by Eld. J. S. Mohler, now of Kansas, and were members of the congregation over which he presided while living in Mo. We exchange sometimes with Bro. Mohler. This time the Brethren are one ahead. We also assisted the brethren at Walnut in perfecting a more complete organization. The church at that place is now known as the church at Walnut, Vernon and Cedar Co's., Mo. Among those baptized were the widow and daughter of a first cousin of our late president, J. A. Garfield. We had the honor of being the first administrator of trine immersion near Montevallo. Old men and women were present who had never seen trine immersion. Some were pleased with it and some were not. At Virgil City we left behind us some first-class material for expulsion from the ranks of our German Baptist brethren. Before we left, we heard the distant rumblings of a council. We preached at that place at the earnest solicitation of five members of that church. One of the members communed with us. The church at Walnut had communion services on Thursday evening, Oct. 18. We feel pretty certain that another two week's effort at that place would have resulted in a number more of accessions to the church, but the people there are poor and so are we, and having no mission treasury (as we ought to have) to fall back on we quit for the present. Some who are or have been members of other churches would like to unite with our brethren, but thus far we failed to convince them of trine immersion. Oh, how we wished for some literature on that subject to scatter among the people. On the whole, we think we had good meetings. The people were very kind and hospitable to us. At Virgil City we met with some old acquaintances with whom in former years we took sweet council. We were much rejoiced to meet them.

The church at Walnut, Mo., is under the care of our aged and worthy brother, S. A. Leedy. Bro. Leedy, though over three score and ten, is still strong and full of zeal and vigor in the good cause. May the Lord continue to sustain him. Our aged Sister Leedy is quite infirm with paralysis. May her comfort be in the Lord. E'er long a better day will dawn for her. How consoling that thought for all God's people amidst the afflictions of this life.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.  
Nevada, Mo., Oct. 16, 1887.

**Meyersdale, Pa.**

It is not often, the brotherhood hears from this church through the EVANGELIST. Some times I receive letters from different parties asking whether we are yet alive, and how the cause prospers here. There is perhaps not another place that has the same amount of opposition as

the church here has. Meyersdale has a population of about 1,800, with nine organized churches, the Methodists, Lutherans, German Reformed, German Baptists and Catholics, being very strong. In looking over the year's work, which closed October 1st. I find that the Lord has blest us abundantly, and honored us as instruments in accomplishing some good. The church has added to her number the past year 33 souls, and in grace I trust we have also advanced. Our expenses have been nicely met, and on the whole we have prospered.

The church now is in healthy condition, things moving along smoothly with such exceptions as may be expected, and as are the natural consequences when one fights the Devil. A little jarring seems to be necessary to keep the workers from falling asleep. The Sunday school too, is in a flourishing condition, and doing a good work.

A few weeks ago I began a meeting at one of my regular appointments—Mechanicsburg. We did not know what our prospects were for success. In scanning the village and vicinity, we found but six persons who were not members of some church. The result was seven additions—one by baptism—one who was disowned by the German Baptists for wearing a hat, and the rest were good German Baptists, who felt they would rather live with us. The meeting closed with communion, which was well attended and much enjoyed.

The little church at Mechanicsburg, organized by brother Brown a few years ago in a school house, with seven members, now numbers near forty. They have a neat little church, zealous members and are doing well. The Lord has blest them in their efforts. They have had a severe struggle, but they are marching on to victory.

A. D. GNAGEY.

**Myrtle Point, Oregon.**

We have been going on in the even tenor of our way since last heard from. We fill our usual appointments, three in every month. Last Lord's day was a rest day for us. While we were looking over our lesson, to our surprise there came a message for us to preach a funeral sermon at 2 o'clock, and the drive was twelve miles, so I hooked up my team, and wife and I set off for the place of mourning. On our way we passed the German Baptist meeting house and they were gathering in for worship. We thought we would stop, and as usual the preacher held the Bible up and declared that was all that they had to govern them. I was made to wonder how they could do that, when they know better.

We have our meeting house so we can hold services in it. Next Lord's day will be the first meeting. While our aged brother, Daniel Roberts was painting our meeting house, the scaffold fell with him and bruised his leg so he has had to keep his bed for four weeks.

I will start to Josephine county next week, a distance of one hundred and sixty miles, where I will do some baptizing. Will be gone three weeks. Pray for me.

W. PULLER.

**San Francisco, Cal.**

Bro. Beer—Sir: Having followed the work of the Convention and being pleased with it, (for now the College is in its right place, i. e. church property,) we, the Brethren of San Francisco ask a favor of being allowed to pay for a few bricks in its foundation; for we are a long way from the College and perhaps may never see it. So we prefer paying for a few bricks under the kitchen—its foundation. This will give a chance for those in the immediate vicinity to pay for those bricks they can see. Please accept this small donation of twenty dollars from this little band of earnest workers, the Sisters and Brethren of San Francisco, Cal.

Signed,

G. W. A. BROCKWELL.  
San Francisco, Cal.  
911 Jones St.

**Montevallo, Mo.**

We will inform you that W. J. H. Bauman has been in our midst proclaiming the joyful news of salvation. Bro. Bauman is a faithful and able workman. He has been laboring at this place (known as the Walnut Grove congregation) nearly two weeks, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, has caused precious souls to return to the chief shepherd and bishop of their souls. His teaching is very instructive and practical and his reasoning ability is equal to any other minister of the gospel, and he is kind and long-suffering, and has made many friends at this place. He has left such an impression upon the minds of the dear friends and brethren that his words continue to sound in their ears.

S. A. LEEDY.

**Middlefork, Ind.**

According to promise I went up to Tiosa, Ind., on Saturday, 15th instant, to preach over Lord's Day. Had a good audience. On Saturday evening and Sunday forenoon, Sunday night the house was pretty well filled. Had a pleasant time. They have a good house, and we think they have some good members; did not get acquainted with all. We see no season for not having a good prosperous church there. We were pleased to meet Bro. W. L. Stahl, who assisted us in the services.

B. L. GORDON.

**Lanark, Ill.**

Our communion meeting will be Sunday evening, Oct. 30th. We would be pleased to have all the isolated members of Northern Illinois be with us during the feast, also any who have a desire from adjoining congregations. The meeting will be at Bethlehem, 8 miles south of Lanark.

Z. T. LIVENGOD.

**Things That I am Sorry For.**

I am sorry that I am not rich enough to wipe out the College debt.

I am sorry that those who, by combining, are rich enough, don't do it.

I am sorry that colleges are so often turned into sectarian manufactories.

I am sorry that our late convention was, apparently, a signal failure on the missionary question. Perhaps my sorrow will

be turned into joy when I read the full report.

I am sorry that now a publishing house fund will likely gain precedence a missionary fund.

I am sorry that we have not a looming publishing house flourishing.

I am sorry for the "largeness of Bro. Bauman's vision," but I think Bro. Burnworth might just as well have represented the wishes of all the congregations in Kansas, as to only represent one in the north-west corner of one of the smallest counties in the state. I believe he would have been endorsed (for he 'is worthy) by the whole state, and going with instruction from all the congregations, might have accomplished something for western mission work.

I am sorry that we have not more preachers here in this poverty stricken west, who could, of their own resources, preach the gospel to the people.

I am sorry that more sinners are not converted.

I am sorry that church members are so inclined to grow lukewarm.

I am sorry that so many preachers use affectation in the pulpit.

I am sorry that we all lack so much in simplicity.

I am sorry that everybody possesses not a fine education, backed up by strong common sense.

I am sorry that we as a religious body don't incline more toward town and city work.

I am sorry that anybody should feel abashed before the assumed dignity of aristocrats.

I am sorry that so many hate sinners as well as sin.

I am sorry that christians don't all agree.

I am sorry because of hatred.

I am sorry because of prejudice.

I am sorry because of jealousy.

I am sorry because of deception, in all its various forms.

I am sorry that all who name the name of Christ are not active workers in the temperance field.

I am sorry that we preachers can preach better than practice.

I am sorry that some preachers seem to care more for getting converts than for establishing true principles.

I am sorry that sinners slight so many golden opportunities.

I am sorry that we Christians don't enjoy our privileges more.

I am sorry because I am so weak and imperfect myself.

I am sorry for having cause to sorrow but am glad that many share in my sorrow.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

South Haven, Kansas.

**Useful to the End.**

John Eliot, on the day of his death, in his eightieth year, was found teaching the alphabet to an Indian child at his bedside.

"Why not rest from your labors?" said a friend.

"Because," said the venerable man. "I have prayed to God to make me useful in my sphere, and he has heard my prayer; for, now that I can no longer preach, he leaves me strength enough to teach this poor child his alphabet."

Eighty years of age, and bed-ridden, yet still at work for others! And shall the young find nothing to do for those about them?